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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/01/05	09/24/05
Broiler/fryer	164,359	170,241
Light hens	1,259	1,283
Heavy hens	1,483	1,541

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	367	0	367
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	214	0	214
Same week yr ago	256	0	256
To-date/2005	10,122	40	10,162
To-date/2004	9,194	90	9,284

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,596	1,529	3,125
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,545	1,551	3,096
Same week yr ago	1,779	1,316	3,095
To-date/2005	66,144	54,057	120,201
To-date/2004	61,082	51,007	112,089

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-SEPTEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	165.401	1,229	1,529	2,758
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882
Same wk yr ago	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.12	5.54
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039
To-date/2004	5,944,956	51,888	50,917	102,805

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167.4 million head or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,452	23,816	55,827
Avg Weight	3.75	4.65	6.28
% of total /1	23%	23%	54%
Last week	20,648	26,949	55,206
Avg Weight	3.66	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	20%	26%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	22,560	18,434	47,825
Avg Weight	3.77	4.67	6.28
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%
To date/2005	1,011,351	833,417	1,813,759
To date/2004	975,225	794,638	1,682,446

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-SEP-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Avg Wt	16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Same wk yr ago	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
Avg Wt	15.74	36.02	24.37	28.17	28.39
To-date/2005	66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639
To-date/2004	65,689	96,901	1,976	286	164,852

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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